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Sadat gets letter from Carter

CAIRO, March 29 (AP). — Egypt's ambassador to the United States, who brought messages from President Jimmy Carter and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, met with President Anwar Sadat today. Egyptian officials said, contents of the messages carried by Ambassador Ashraf Ghorbal were not released but they were believed to contain American proposals for resuming direct Israel-Egyptian peace negotiations. U.S. Embassy officials refused to say if American Ambassador Hermann Eilts had delivered a letter from Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin which reportedly urged President Sadat to agree to resuming negotiations. Meanwhile, Cairo newspapers gave prominent play to Israeli reports that Defense Minister Ezer Weizman would arrive soon in Cairo.

Labour president for Israel?

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 29 (R). — Veteran Labour parliamentarian Yitzhak Navon appears almost certain to become Israel's next president following his declaration today that he will accept a nomination. President Ephraim Katzir does not wish to serve another five-year term when his present one expires on May 29, and the Knesset must choose a successor before April 6. Dr. Yitzhak Chavet, a little-known nuclear scientist who had been proposed by Mr. Begin, withdrew yesterday following criticism that an unknown should head the state because he was of Sephardi (oriental Jewish) origin and picked by the premier. Mr. Navon is also from the Sephardi community.

Arab Council calls for summit, demands Soviets, Cubans leave Ethiopia

GENEVA, March 29 (AP). — Foreign ministers and representatives of 16 Arab countries today called for an immediate withdrawal of Soviet and Cuban troops from Ethiopia. The council also called for a peaceful settlement of the conflict there. The decision ended a three-day conference during which Arab diplomats decided to improve, but a high-level delegation will take the task of re-grouping Arab states as a prelude to an Arab summit conference. Syria, Algeria, Iraq, and Somalia vehemently oppose Egypt's peace overtures to Israel and boycotted the meeting. The Arab League headquarters here on the banks of the Nile. Delegates attending the conference said it had been successful in renewing Arab ties with the Arab-African group within the 22-member League. — Somalia, Djibouti and Mauritania. The most of all, the sources said, Egypt obtained a sort of support from the main group of the Arab League to continue peace negotiations with Israel as long as it is possible. Secretary General Gamal Abdel Nasser said the envoys decided to send humanitarian assistance to more than 100 refugees who fled Ethiopia's Ogaden region to Somalia and Djibouti in the wake of fighting there. Soviet and Cuban troops backed the Ethi-



Israeli Premier Menachem Begin opens a Foreign Policy debate in the Knesset in Occupied Jerusalem on Wednesday. (AP wirephoto)

Begin's unyielding policy wins support in Knesset

JERUSALEM, March 29 (R). — Israeli premier Menachem Begin today won approval from the Knesset (parliament) for his refusal to soften his Middle East peace plan despite international pressure. Although he was heckled by the opposition as he reported on the outcome of his chilly talks in Washington last week with President Carter, the Knesset backed his stance by 64 votes to 32 with nine abstentions.

Guerrillas continue attacks in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT, March 29 (R). — Palestinian commandos said they blasted targets in northern Israel today with heavy artillery and rockets in defiance of an Israeli warning of retaliation. A military communiqué issued by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said "our heavy artillery and rocket units this morning shelled the Abi Al Qamh area." Abi Al Qamh is about 1.5 kms. south of Metullah, Israel's northernmost town. The communiqué did not say how long the bombardment lasted and made no mention of casualties. Near Tyre, Palestinian commandos prevented French paratroopers from taking up positions on a strategic bridge. A spokesman for the French UN detachment said meetings would be held to overcome difficulties preventing the force from taking up positions. He did not elaborate on the nature of the difficulties. The coastal road bridge is the only one of the three bridges across the Litani still under full Palestinian control. The road is a vital supply line for commandos in Tyre and the Palestinian camp of Rashidiyah just south of the port. The reported attack on Abi Al Qamh was made less than a day after a meeting in Beirut between Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Ar-

afat and Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, the Ghanaian commander of the U.N. force. Mr. Arafat told reporters afterwards that the PLO would facilitate the mission of the U.N. force, a remark which contrasted with a statement by U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. He said in New York that the PLO leader had accepted a call for a ceasefire in southern Lebanon. Fighters in the shell-scarred south told Reuters correspondent Gavin Bell today that they had received orders to stop firing from fixed positions — but not to stop hit-and-run raids behind Israeli lines in the occupied south. Bell reported that he saw about two dozen Iraqi soldiers at Beaufort castle today. They had apparently replaced fighters of Fateh, the biggest Palestinian commando group, who were in position at the castle last week. According to reliable right-wing sources, at least 450 Iraqi troops have joined Palestinian commandos in southern Lebanon since Israel sent a 25,000-strong invasion army across the border with Lebanon. In Beirut, the National Movement of Lebanese Leftist parties voiced opposition to the deployment of U.N. troops in Lebanon and urged the government to adopt "national mobilisation measures against the (Israeli) enemy."

Mr. Begin repeated that there would be no change in Israeli proposals for the West Bank or Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territory. Israeli radio said today that Defense Minister Ezer Weizman would leave for Cairo tomorrow for talks with Egyptian leaders. Mr. Begin accused the U.S. administration of changing its mind about the Israeli peace plan after it was rejected by Egypt. The U.S. now wanted a referendum to be held in the Israeli occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip in five years time to decide their future. The idea was unacceptable, Mr. Begin said, "because it would inevitably lead to that which the United States itself does not want — that is, the establishment of a Palestinian state." "It must be remembered that the pressure and the threat and the terror of that same murderous organisation (the Palestine Liberation Organisation) still exists. Despite his opposition to even limited referendum, Mr. Begin said he had proposed that Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza should participate in the determination of their future. But he did not elaborate. Mr. Begin said he had rejected the U.S. view that Jewish settlement of occupied Arab territory was illegal and an obstacle to peace. But there was agreement with the U.S. on three points: A settlement should lead to peace treaties with normal diplomatic and other ties between Israel and its Arab neighbours; opposition to a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza strip as a threat to Israel and "the free world"; and opposition to the "murderous PLO" taking part in peace negotiations. He said he was convinced the great friendship between Israel and the U.S. would overcome their differences. Mr. Begin's report on his Washington talks, which he described at the time as the toughest ever, lasted about 25 minutes. Although billed as a major policy speech, it broke no new ground. Hecklers in the house accused Mr. Begin of withholding his interpretation of a key United Nations security council resolution until the Knesset had approved his peace plan. Resolution 242 calls for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories. But Mr. Begin has repeatedly indicated recently that he does not think it applies to the West Bank. Replying to the hecklers, Mr. Begin said: "In our peace plan we declared explicitly that our people have a claim and a right for sovereignty over Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and Gaza. "We propose leaving the issue of sovereignty open for the sake of a settlement. Therefore there is no contradiction between our peace plan and any resolution whatsoever of the Security Council."

Stop recriminations and cooperate, Carter urges rich and poor

CARACAS, March 29 (Agencies) — President Carter today called on rich and poor countries to stop blaming each other for world economic disruption and improve cooperation to make the world a better place to live in. In an address to Venezuela's National Congress, the president said industrialised countries would have to provide long-term capital and reduce trade barriers, while developing nations must stop recalling past injustices and embark on responsible participation in creating a new world order. "Only by acting together can we expand trade and investment in order to create more jobs, curb inflation, and raise the standard of living," he said in his prepared remarks. The president said all members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had a responsibility to use their surplus wealth to meet the needs of the world's people. Mr. Carter proposed the following five steps to ensure strong growth in industrialised and developing nations alike: — Increase capital flows to developing countries. — Build a fairer and more open system of world trade. — Work to moderate disruptive price movement in the world economy. — Cooperate on energy conservation and development. — Strengthen the technological capabilities of developing countries. Calling for more open trade Mr. Carter said he must resist the temptation to impose new restrictions on imports.

"We must all strive to reduce existing barriers to trade, both tariffs and other measures, while giving special consideration and benefits to the developing nations." Mr. Carter said he was proposing the creation of a U.S. foundation for technical collaboration to assist developing countries. The U.S. president linked economic progress with his campaign for human rights, saying that poverty offended the conscience of mankind. "The human rights in which we believe so deeply include not only the right to be free, but also the right to a fair chance for a decent life." Mr. Carter spoke of the need to oppose intervention in the internal affairs of other countries, an issue he mentioned when Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez called his attention yesterday to alleged human rights violations in Nicaragua. He also said there must be a reversal in the massive and excessive weapons' sales being

made by the United States and other industrialised nations to developing countries which have profound social and economic needs. After his speech, Carter set aside time for more talks with President Perez. Following Wednesday's talks Carter, his wife Rosalynn, ten-year-old daughter Amy and top U.S. officials including National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, left for a four-hour flight to the Brazilian capital of Brasilia. Editorial comment: Page 2 Carter and Perez briefly reviewed white-uniformed Venezuelan naval cadets and walked arm in arm for a few steps before Carter boarded air force one. He made no departure remarks. Cannons boomed a 21-gun salute as the engines revved up. The 22-hour stopover was Carter's first state visit to Latin America.

Swedish peacekeeper killed

JERUSALEM, March 29 (AP). A member of the Swedish contingent of the U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon was killed Wednesday and another injured in a mine explosion, U.N. headquarters said. A spokesman said details were not available on the first casualties suffered by U.N. peacekeepers who have moved into southern Lebanon to pacify the area invaded by Israel March 14. According to Israel radio, the mine explosion occurred near a bridge over the Litani river. Austria holds back VIENNA, March 29 (R). Austria is delaying a decision on assigning troops to the U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon because there is still no binding cease-fire in the area, Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said today. Dr. Kreisky rejected Vienna newspaper reports that his relations with U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, also an Austrian, had soured because of Austria's delay in responding to a U.N. request for peacekeeping troops.

Qadhafi's offer means end of Rejection Front

IRO, March 29 (R). — A leading Egyptian newspaper today said a call by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi to unite the armies against Israel was the end of the Rejection Front. The newspaper said the front was collapsing. Qadhafi said in Tobruk today he was ready to send commander general of the Egyptian armed forces to meet Egyptian commander for purpose. Mr. Ali Hamdi Gamal, editor of the semi-official newspaper Al-Ahram, said the proposal meant the collapse of the "Rejectionist Front" comprising Syria, Algeria, the Libyan Jamahiriyyah, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organisation which opposed Mr. Sadat's peace overtures to Israel. "The placing of the Libyan armed forces under Egypt's command means that those forces have detached themselves from the Rejectionist Front," Mr. Gamal said. It also meant the front had lost the financial backing of Libya, the main object of the front's first meeting in Tripoli last December, he added.

Rhodesian army routs black infiltrators

SALISBURY, Rhodesia, March 29 (Agencies). Rhodesian soldiers routed a 100-man guerrilla force that infiltrated the country's eastern frontier from Mozambique in the last week, it was reported today. Troops combed the rain-drenched, wooded Burma Valley about 32 kilometers south of the eastern garrison town of Umtali for remnants of the group today, a military command spokesman said. The guerrillas of Robert Mugabe's China-backed Mozambique-based Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) infiltrated the 800 mile frontier more than a week ago. A newspaper report said bundles of newly printed leaflets denouncing the agreement reached March 3 between the white minority government and three local black leaders were abandoned by the guerrillas as they fled from their camp in Burma Valley. Rhodesian Foreign Minister Pieter van der Byl said today he did not believe there was a mass movement of guerrillas into the territory and that he did not accept the incursion would have any effect against the settlement agreements. Three Rhodesia-based nationalist leaders — Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau — were sworn into office last week as equal members of Rhodesia's Supreme Executive Council with white Premier Ian Smith. They will form the top tier of the transitional administration which is designed to guide the country to one-man, one-vote elections and black majority rule by Dec. 31. The four coalition leaders will meet today to decide on the make-up of the second level ministerial council, which will be half white and half black. Each of the black parties was expected to have three ministers, each paired with a white. In Dar Es Salaam meanwhile Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca Peoli yesterday started a three-day Tanzanian visit which is expected to include talks on Cuban military assistance to Rhodesian nationalist guerrillas, opposed to the settlement.

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World News Roundup...

29 die in rebel ambush in the Philippines MANILA, March 29 (R). — Muslim rebels killed 27 troops and civilians in ambushes in the southern Philippines during the last few days, the defence department said today. The attacks followed announcements of surrenders to the government by Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) rebels, including some 2,000 in area of the worst ambush yesterday — Lanaso Del Sur, 900 km. from Manila. Cairo M.P. expelled for insulting Sadat IRO, March 29 (AP). — An opposition member of Egypt's parliament was expelled yesterday for attacking President Anwar Sadat during a debate on prices. The Middle East News Agency reported 279 members of the ruling Centre Party, voted for the motion, while 19, mostly independents, voted against and all 24 members of the main opposition party, the New Wafd, withdrew in protest. Sheikh Nasr, a Wafdist, shouted "Down with Sadat" when he was barred from using his speaking right during debate. Pakistan extends political ban AMABAD, Pakistan, March 29 (AP). — Pakistan's military government extended its ban on political activities for an indefinite period today. The ban originally was imposed for one month from March 1 to counter expected protests against the death sentence imposed on Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Protests against Bhutto's sentence have not been as great as expected by the government, although Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party tried for days to mount a big confrontation with the military government. Gen. Mohammad Zia Ul Haq. PLO appeals to the Red Cross NEVA, March 29 (AP). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation tonight appealed to the International Red Cross Committee to Israel to free two Palestinian journalists allegedly taken prisoner in south Lebanon. The two men are Abdul Hafez Al Asmar and Ibrahim Mustafa Nasser, members of the Palestine News Agency WAFAP, the appeal signed by PLO representative in Geneva and Barakat said.

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National News Roundup

Irbid library receives more books

AMMAN, March 29 (JNA). — The Director of the Public Security Department Maj. Gen. Ghazi 'Arabiyyat today presented a number of books to the Municipal Library of Irbid. He told a group of the Friends of the Library Committee who visited him at his office today that the department will be willing to give further aid to the Irbid Library to transform it into a national cultural centre.

Economic and Business News

Draft agreement between ILO and training institute discussed

AMMAN, March 29 (JNA). — The Technical Training Institute board in its meeting here today discussed a proposed draft agreement between the Ministry of Education and the institution on one hand and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on the other. Under the proposed agreement the ILO will contribute \$314,500 to cover the expenses of foreign experts coming to Jordan and scholarships for Jordanian students both at home and abroad. Jordan will provide counterparts of these experts along with the necessary technical and administrative services. An expert from the ILO will come here early next year to assess the work of the Technical Training Institute, and advise on programmes and agreements which the institution will conclude with organisations in the field of industrial apprenticeships and other training courses. The accord also includes training the teachers of these apprenticeship courses.

Cabinet approves two financial schemes

AMMAN, March 29 (JNA). — The Cabinet today approved a \$14m. loan by the International Development Agency to the Water and Sewerage Authority. The loan will finance the third phase of the Amman water and sewerage project. The Cabinet also agreed to Jordan acquiring an equity in the Arab Fisheries Co. The Jeddah-based company was created upon a decision by the Arab Economic Council at a recent meeting in Tunis. It has a capital of £10,000,000.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Spring Exhibition

An exhibition of works by Jordanian artist Ali Ghoul is on show daily until Saturday. The exhibition is on display at the Palace of Culture, Hussein Youth City.

Children's Film

"The Tales of Beatrix Potter" will be showing tonight at 6:30 and Friday morning at 10:30, at the British Council. Reserve your tickets all day before today's performance. Entry on Friday is unrestricted.

Violin Recital

A recital by Jordanian violinist, Habib Kayaleh, accompanied by Ingrid Hoogendorp on the piano, will be held tonight 8:00 p.m. at the Palace of Culture.

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Ramtha-Mafraq meet recommends law amendments

MAFRAQ, March 29 (JNA). — The Ramtha and Mafraq Municipalities symposium in its final session here today recommended a review of articles of the presently effective towns and villages organisational law with the aim of keeping in pace with contemporary developments. The symposium also recommended an amendment to the municipal councils' electoral regulation so that half of the council members would be appointed by election and the other half by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs. The mayor would be appointed from among councillors on the recommendation of the minister. The symposium further suggested reviewing the status of, and regulations for municipal employees. Another recommendation proposed that government land registered in the name of the treasury be commissioned for the municipalities for purposes of building public utility projects. The two-day symposium was chaired by the Assistant Governor of Irbid, Izzeddine Al Gharaybeh and was attended, by mayors, district governors and department chiefs in the Ramtha and Mafraq areas.

Tempers flare up at Esmail's trial

TEL AVIV, March 28 (AP). — Tempers flared in an Israeli courtroom, set off by conflicting ideologies of defence and prosecution attorneys as the trial of Palestinian student Sami Esmail charged with guerrilla activities continued today.

The clash came during a recess when American-born Esmail, 24, complained to reporters of overcrowding in his prison. He said 17 men were sharing six beds in his cell.

His Attorney, Felicia Langer broke in saying "Israeli authorities admit that Sami's prison is one of the most overcrowded in the country."

At one point Prosecution Advocate Sara Sirott, angered by Mrs. Langer's remarks exclaimed: "The manner in which you are impudent to the judges would get you in jail in America and certainly in the Soviet Union. You use every pretext to do battle against the state of Israel."

Mrs. Langer is a member of the Moscow-aligned Communist Party of Israel, and often defends Pro-Palestinian security suspects.

Esmail did not interfere in the angry exchange between the two women. The Michigan State University student sat in the dock munching on cheese sandwiches and orange juice.

The court then went into session to hear closing arguments on whether the confession Esmail allegedly made after his arrest was admissible. Prosecutor Sara Sirott contended that Esmail's inter-

New York and Amman

P.R. firms link up

NEW YORK. — Hank Boerner and Associates, New York-based public relations consultants, today announced a new affiliation with a public relations and marketing agency in Amman — Middle East Communicators. The two companies will jointly service clients with United States and Middle East business interests.

Middle East Communicators is owned by Mrs. Roxanne Bonar, a Jordanian citizen, and headed by John Bonar, a Britisher who has worked for international news agencies, daily newspapers, magazines and broadcast networks. Hank Boerner and Associates is a New York-based public relations and marketing communications agency which services clients with Middle East business interests including Alia, The Royal Jordanian Airline.

The two companies will provide U.S.-based clients with on-the-scene communications services in all of the Arab States and Iran, with Hank Boerner & Associates serving as the North American contact and service arm while Middle East Communicators carries out media contact, placement of feature articles, direct mail and other communications activities from the Jordan office. Similarly, clients based in the Near and Middle East will utilise the Boerner offices for North American services needed in North America.

Pecksniffery by any other name

We're quite impressed by many of the qualities that President Jimmy Carter of the United States has demonstrated during his first year in office, but none of his positive qualities can make up for his glaring inability to fit the anomaly of Israel into his otherwise compassionate vision of a world dominated by fairness. This week, the President of the United States is taking his goodness and sweetness show on the road again, exhorting the natives of Venezuela, Brazil, Nigeria and Liberia to join hands with the people of the United States "to deal in a constructive and creative way with the diversity of the world in which we live," as Mr. Carter himself put it before leaving Washington.

But how does Mr. Carter expect anybody to take his words seriously, when simultaneously with his calls to join hands for a better world, American weapons and massive economic aid are locked in a tight handclasp with Israel in occupying the lands of four Arab states, making mincemeat and mockery of the accepted international principles of self-determination in Palestine, and working totally against the Middle East people's aspirations for economic well-being by maintaining an Israel-dominated war situation that forces all the states in the region to spend about one-fourth of their budgets on defence? Is the Jimmy Carter who speaks so eloquently in Venezuela about a better world for all the same Jimmy Carter who sells Israel F-15 fighter jets to bomb Palestinian children in refugee camps in Lebanon? Or do we have a chameleon president at work here, who takes on one colour in Venezuela and another colour in Palestine? Frankly, we're confused. How can the United States say it wants all people to be free, when it gives Israel cluster bombs and napalm, and the jet fighters to use them with, for use against its Arab neighbours on all four sides? Do we believe what America says or what it does? What it says is lovely. What it does is gruesome. The gap between the two is known as hypocrisy, or, as H. L. Mencken would have put it, pecksniffery. Whatever it's called, it's not the kind of thing that Americans should be proud of in their president.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Under the heading "A New Warning" AL DUSTOUR said Wednesday that the Israeli air manoeuvres over the Tabuk area in northern Saudi Arabia is a significant incident which concerns the Arab cause and Arab security as a whole, with a special bearing on the oil producing countries.

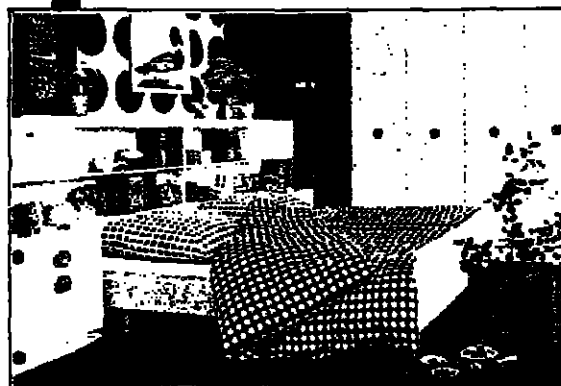
What happened simply means that Israel has added Saudi Arabia to the list of Arab confrontation states, the newspaper says. The Israeli aircraft manoeuvres over Tabuk cannot but be advance training... Thus the imaginary classification of Arab countries into confrontation and supporting states does not stand any more from the Israeli point of view. The new development merits to awaken the Arabs from the delusion of the traditional classification they devised for the duties of their respective countries — an assignment which exists only in their imagination, the newspaper adds.

Urging all Arabs to form one strong "confrontation wall" in these days when long distances have been drastically abridged, Al Dustour says Arab oil wealth which did not as yet play its proper role in building up Arab power, is enviously coveted by Israel which hopes some day to become a principal oil exporter.

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Saudi Arabia assures U.S. it will keep dollar as only unit for international transactions

Saudi Arabia forces postponement of OPEC meet to avoid clash

WASHINGTON, March 29 (R). — Saudi Arabia has given the U.S. dollar a strong vote of confidence by assuring the United States it will keep the currency as its only unit of payment in international transactions. The public support for the dollar, which has been declining steadily in international markets in recent months, came in a statement issued yesterday by the Saudi Embassy.

The statement quoted Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabia's First Deputy Prime Minister, as expressing confidence the dollar would recover.

"Shifting to an alternative currency would harm the interest of Saudi Arabia," the embassy quoted the crown prince as saying.

"Others may have their views on this matter, but the kingdom's stand is firm," it said.

Carter administration officials felt the Saudi statement reflected what they viewed as a growing feeling that the dollar's difficulties were temporary.

The statement followed published reports here that King Khalid had warned President Carter his country might not be able to hold down oil prices within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) if the dollar declined further.

A White House spokesman declined to comment on the reported message from King Khalid to President Carter and referred reporters to a statement last Friday by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Mr. Vance, speaking at a press conference, said: "The Saudis have never indicated to us that they would link prog-

ress or lack of progress in these areas to oil prices. They have indicated, quite to the contrary, that they will make their independent judgments on these issues."

Administration officials also said the Saudi statement showed how seriously Saudi Arabia viewed its increased importance in the international monetary system.

This was reinforced by the fact that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is expected to include the royal, Saudi

Arabia's currency among those it uses to calculate the value of special drawing rights (SDRs), they added.

The SDR is the IMF's internal accounting unit used in government-to-government transactions.

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BAHRAIN, March 29 (R). — Saudi Arabia forced the postponement of an oil-exporters' meeting due to be held in Geneva next week to avoid a clash over the declining dollar, informed oil sources said today.

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ly opposed attempts to increase oil prices to compensate for the dollar's fall.

It feels that a readjustment of the dollar price in terms of a basket of currencies as proposed by some OPEC states would in fact increase prices for some consumers, including the United States and those with weak currencies.

Saudi Arabia also argues that a price increase would be counter-productive when there is a glut in the oil market and many OPEC states have reported a fall in exports.

Favouring compensation

Venezuela, Iraq and Kuwait among major exporters have said they would like to see the dollar price increased to compensate for the exchange losses.

Even the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia's closest ally within OPEC, has proposed that the dollar price should be regularly adjusted in terms of a basket of currencies.

But Iran, OPEC's second largest producer after Saudi Arabia, has not so far expressed an opinion in public beyond saying that the dollar decline was a cause of concern.

Iran, a former oil price hawk, sided with Saudi Arabia at an OPEC conference in Caracas last December which in effect kept prices frozen at their previous levels.

The Shah of Iran has said that he believes oil prices should not rise but he has not said whether his country would support an exchange adjustment.

Revenue drop

However these questions were expected to be overshadowed by concern at the continued drop in revenues of OPEC member states, which fix oil prices in dollars due to the slide in the U.S. currency's value.

OPEC Secretary General Ali Jaidah said earlier this month the dollar decline represented a total loss to the 13 OPEC member states of about \$14 billion a year.

The sources said the Saudis appeared to be hoping that the dollar would recover sufficiently by the beginning of May to justify shelving the issue.

Otherwise they would probably try to put off discussion until the regular OPEC conference, which would then be only one month away, the sources added.

Saudi Arabia has consistent-

Dollar takes biggest plunge ever on Japanese exchange

TOKYO, March 29 (R). — The U.S. dollar plunged more steeply than ever on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market today and registered a new postwar low point for the fourth trading day in a row.

The dollar dipped to 220.7 yen but rallied to 221.60 at the close after a flurry of last minute trading. It had opened at 224 compared with last night's close of 225.02.

Dealers said the Bank of Japan, which yesterday bought an estimated \$800 million to stem the fall, bought a small amount of dollars in early trading but did not intervene further.

Many dealers said they could not remember such a spectacular dollar fall against the yen in Tokyo in one day.

Earlier this month the dollar commanded 235 yen. It fetched 240 at the end of December.

The U.S. currency opened far beneath last night's close following an overnight decline

abroad. It fell further under sustained dollar selling pressure from foreign banks to buy yen and the absence of intervention by the Bank of Japan, dealers said.

The Japanese news agency Jiji reported that the country's monetary authorities might withhold major intervention until the rate drops to 220.

But the Finance Ministry, commenting on the report, said Japan had not changed its policy of intervening in the Tokyo market only to "iron out erratic fluctuations."

The Bank of Japan is estimated to have bought nearly \$5 billion this month. This is more than the previous monthly record of about \$4.5 billion in August, 1971, when President Richard Nixon suspended the dollar's convertibility into gold.

Dealers expect the yen to continue its rise against the dollar until basic causes for the dollar's fall -- including Japan's huge trade surplus with the United States -- are corrected.

In proposals submitted by Jordanian representative

Group of 77 recommends greater cooperation among nations as solution to developing world's brain drain problem

Editor's note: The following is the full text of draft recommendations submitted by the Jordanian representative to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Feb. 27, 1978 on behalf of the members of the Group of 77.

I. Introduction

1. Having considered the documentation presented by the UNCTAD Secretariat and having examined the issues in depth, keeping particularly in view resolutions 87 adopted by the Conference in Nairobi and 32/192 adopted by the General Assembly at its Thirty-second session (December, 1977), the group underlines:

(a) the subject of "reverse transfer of technology" (brain drain) is not a new one and has been under discussion for several years; this process itself has led to a number of studies being prepared by UNCTAD, other international organisations and outside sources, all of which provide an adequate basis for assessing the magnitude, composition, causes and effects of this outflow of trained personnel from developing countries;

(b) while there is always room for further diagnostic work, this should not delay consideration of policy oriented action by the international community at the national, regional and international level;

(c) the magnitude of skilled migration from the developing world is significant and within certain categories, such as doctors, engineers, etc., quite substantial;

(d) the emigration of skilled manpower represents a transfer of productive resources and there is evident need to take systematic account of this in international resource accounting. The gains associated with skill flows between the recipient and source countries should therefore be shared on the basis of reciprocity;

(e) the problem of skilled migration is a multi-faceted one encompassing political, social, economic and developmental issues. Several organisations are tackling the issues, from its particular perspective, within its field of competence. The group of governmental experts considered by UNCTAD is particularly fitted to deal with the economic and developmental aspects of reverse transfer of technology. This has already

been adequately recognised in the Report of the ACC Subcommittee on Education and Training which states: "There was agreement that in the elaboration of approaches and policies in certain specific areas, such as compensation schemes, cooperation among the developing countries... UNCTAD would be well placed, within its field of competence, to act as the lead agency."

(f) a set of comprehensive measures are necessary, to tackle the problem of skilled migration and mitigate its adverse effects, at the: (1) National level; (2) regional level; and (3) international level, and to this end the UNCTAD Secretariat should undertake studies with particular reference to the policies of individual skill exporting and skill importing countries.

II. Action at the national level

A. Action by the developed countries

2. The group urges the developed countries:

(a) to strengthen measures designed to encourage the absorption of trained personnel within the developing countries and to support the activities of the international organisations aimed at finding solutions to this problem without prejudice to existing international agreements;

(b) to examine and remove institutional rigidities which hamper international labour mobility, particularly 'return' migration by, inter alia, making it possible for migrants to transfer, or encash, freely the unutilised fraction of their pension rights and social security contributions at the time of their return home;

(c) to remove any upper limits, where they exist, on remittances that migrants may make to their country of origin and further facilitate the transfer of such remittances;

(d) to render assistance, either on a bilateral or multilateral basis, to developing countries which exercise or wish to exercise their international jurisdiction to tax their citizens abroad under a "global" tax system; such assistance could take the form either of "tax collection assistance" and/or of access to necessary information;

(e) to institute arrangements whereby the developing countries share in the economic gains accruing to developed countries from skilled migration, by means of revenue-sharing arrangements;

(f) to assist in the building up of better data on skilled migration by systematising the collection and dissemination of data on developing country migrants; and

(g) to set up and to support funds which encourage research and training activities on an untied basis, in developing country institutions and to encourage greater use of skilled migrants of developing country origin in projects financed by the developed countries in developing countries.

B. Action by the developing countries

3. The group urges the developing countries to monitor the changing characteristics of the brain drain problem and to take appropriate remedial measures to mitigate the adverse consequences associated with the phenomenon. Against this background the group urges the developing countries:

(a) to take appropriate measures to absorb the skilled manpower, to the maximum extent possible, in their national economies;

(b) to adopt policy measures for improving the working environment, both material and qualitative, for their skilled manpower;

(c) to adopt and/or improve measures which would induce their skilled migrants to return to their country of origin and to facilitate a better utilisation of their skills; and

(d) to take steps to "indigenise" their professional education and training system, with two broad objectives: That of promoting the country's professional and technical self-reliance through the absorption of professionally higher and more advanced levels of knowledge and that of adapting curricula more closely to the country's development needs.

4. The group urges the developing countries to give attention to the modalities for promoting collective self-reliance among themselves with a view to using and developing their human resources on the basis of mutual advantage within the broader framework of cooperation in the fields of trade, technology and capital.

III. Cooperation among developing countries

5. The flow of skilled personnel from one developing country to another, represent-

ing a significant part of a larger framework of cooperation and calls for new policies for collective self-reliance through cooperative exchange of skills among the developing countries themselves.

6. The group welcomes the growing flow of skilled personnel among developing countries and urges that this exchange should continue to be on more favourable terms and conditions than those generally offered by developed countries.

7. The group recommends that an in-depth examination should be undertaken in this field in order to translate the idea of cooperative skill exchange among developing countries into concrete proposals. Towards this end the UNCTAD Secretariat should undertake detailed studies analysing:

(a) the main conceptual and empirical basis for extending skill-exchange among developing countries at the inter-regional, regional or sub-regional level;

(b) the mechanisms through which such flows take place; possible constraints that hamper greater inter-developing country cooperation; and the terms and conditions governing such cooperation; and

(c) the feasibility of various proposals identified in the UNCTAD document entitled Policies for Collective Self-reliance in Skilled Manpower, such as information sharing arrangements, establishment of skilled manpower pools, data banks, joint consultancy agencies and joint technical assistance programmes.

IV. Action at the international level

8. The group stresses the importance of international cooperation between the developing and developed countries for evolving a set of international policy measures, as stressed in various United Nations resolutions, and more particularly resolution 32/192 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-second session, in December, 1977.

A. Examination of revenue sharing proposals

9. The group requests the secretary-general of UNCTAD to continue examination of the feasibility of various revenue sharing proposals.

10. The group further notes that the rationale for revenue sharing arrangements rests on the following considerations:

(i) where developing countries incur disruption and economic difficulties in their eco-

nomies, there is a cogent case for financial assistance—compensation so that they may adjust to their loss of manpower with greater ease.

(ii) where developing countries do not incur any measurable disruption and their comparative advantage is in skill production to export skills abroad, they can legitimately improve their economic returns from such migration through revenue sharing arrangements which might reflect the cost of producing the skills; and

(iii) so far as there is a prima facie case for deducing that the developed countries benefit from the inflow of skilled migrants, as noted in their official pronouncements, as implied by the occasional variations in the level and composition of their immigration quotas to reflect domestic labour conditions and as suggested by the fact that the taxes paid by the skilled migrants in developed countries with progressive income tax systems are likely to be redistributing income away from these migrants rather than towards them, such benefits to the developed countries may legitimately be shared through income-tax-revenue sharing arrangements with the developing countries from which these skilled migrants originate.

11. These considerations suggest that there are cogent rationales for revenue sharing arrangements which might take several forms that need to be explored at an expert level. In particular, the group rates the following possibilities as meriting such examination, while not precluding others from consideration:

(i) the possibility of bilateral or multilateral tax treaties in order to assign specified fractions of the migrants' income tax revenues in the developed countries to the developing countries from which the migrants originate. This being a practice not unknown in current international tax procedures;

(ii) the possibility of permitting the migrants from the developing countries to earmark, on a voluntary basis, specific fractions of their income tax payments in the developed countries for the purpose of transferring them to the developing countries of their origin, such an arrangement again being arrived at through bilateral or multilateral tax treaties; this voluntary earmarking of revenues being again in a practice with current precedent; and

(iii) the possibility of permitting the migrants from the developing countries to make voluntary, tax-deductible con-

tributions to charitable organisations in the developing countries, as is currently permitted for eligible organisations in some developed countries, simplifying considerably the procedures for registering developing-country organisations for eligibility, easing the eligibility requirements and possibly harmonising the developed country practices in regard thereto.

B. Examination of the International Labour Compensatory Facility

12. The establishment of an International Labour Compensatory Facility (ILCF), proposed recently by Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan should be explored systematically and as embodied in United Nations General Assembly resolution 32/192. With membership open to all members of the United Nations, it has been proposed that each member make an annual contribution commensurate with its gains from the reverse transfer of technology.

13. Assets available at the ILCF may be disbursed either in the form of direct aid to countries who suffer from brain drain or in the form of soft loans. Such assistance may be extended either in the form of cash, or preferably in earmarked funds to finance training projects or the purchase of capital equipment, seen as a substitute for the brain drain.

14. This facility has been studied only in a preliminary manner in order to arrive at workable formulae to determine respective contributions and disbursements. However, the issues involved need to be considered by an expert group at two levels:

(A) A technical group to write the details and possibly the draft agreement.

(B) High-level government officials to discuss, amend and adapt the draft agreement.

C. International resource flow accounting

15. The group underlines the highly unsatisfactory and partial nature of current international resource flow accounting practices which concentrate exclusively on commodity and capital flows, and take no account of the transfer of valuable productive resources, in the form of skilled manpower, from developing to the developed countries.

16. The group draws attention to the fact that several possibilities exist for imputing

a value to skill transfers. This requires reaching an agreement on a set of concepts and procedures to be followed.

17. The group therefore requests the secretary-general of UNCTAD to examine in depth at an expert level the merits of alternative imputation methodologies with a view to making recommendations on a feasible set of internationally agreed concepts and procedures to be applied.

D. Principles for regulating the reverse transfer of technology

18. The group recommends the consideration of defining a set of principles for governing the flow of skilled migration from developing to developed countries, containing inter alia a set of rights and obligations.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8823/38	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0280/95	West German marks
	2.1670/90	Dutch guilders
	1.8795/8525	Swiss francs
	31.48/53	Belgian francs
	4.605/4.615	French francs
	852.00/30	Italian lire
	221.85/222.10	Japanese yen
	4.5940/70	Swedish crowns
	5.2850/80	Norwegian crowns
	5.5620/50	Danish crowns.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Leading equities advanced strongly on technical considerations and light investment demand while government bonds drifted lower, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was up 8.1 at 488.2.

Leading equities closed up to 15p higher although gold shares softened with the bullion price. U.S. and Canadian shares closed mixed.

Government bonds fell by up to 5/8 point in idle trading, dealers said.

Beecham rose by 15p to 642-1/2p while Fisons, Glaxo, Metal Box and Unilever gained up to 11p. Lucas closed 4p higher at 268-1/2p ahead of interim results tomorrow.

Oils were narrowly mixed and bank shares gained up to 7p, while among firmer stores Great Universal "A" rose by 8p to 298p. Ladbroke firmed 5p to 184p while Legal and General was unchanged from overnight levels at 162p. Both companies reported increased profits for 1977. Prudential was quoted 1-1/2p higher at 162p ahead of final results, due today.

Price of gold closed in London Wednesday at \$181.40/oz.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian fil	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	308.00/310.00
U.K. sterling	578.00/582.00
W. German mark	151.60/152.50
Swiss franc	163.50/164.40
French franc	66.10/66.50
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.10/36.30
Japanese yen (for every 100)	136.50/137.30
Dutch guilder	141.50/142.30
Belgian franc (for every ten)	97.50/98.10
Swedish crown	66.80/67.20

Damas-Scene

Compiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell

Editor's note: This is the first of what will henceforth be a weekly column in the Jordan Times listing cultural events taking place in Damascus. We publish this for our readers in Syria as well as for those in Jordan who may be travelling north for a day's trip. The column will be printed once a week initially, and readers are urged to clip it and keep it for reference throughout the week. In a future column, we will list an address and telephone where items to be included in this column (for free) can be phoned in or mailed.

(Week of March 25 to April 1)

EXHIBITIONS

"Prints and Paintings of the Earth and Men," a collection of 40 figurative compositions by Syrian artist Fateh Moudarres. On view to the public daily through April 1 at the French Cultural Centre.

An exhibition of oil paintings by Zuhira Rizz. Through April 6 at Al Sha'b Art Gallery. Open 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-8 p.m., Saturday through Thursday.

"The Last of the Great Impressionists," 40 oil paintings on view through Friday, March 31, at the Damascus Museum of Modern Art. National Museum. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m., Wednesday through Monday.

"Florence: Realism - Hyperrealism," oils, prints, watercolours by nine artists of the Florentine Hyperrealism School: Cantini, Cerrai, Fusi, Del Testa, Ghiribelli, Margonari, Nigiani, Panza and Sarria. Umina Gallery of Modern Art. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 5-8 p.m., Saturday through Thursday.

Premiere opening of the newly established Prehistoric Wing of the National Museum of Damascus. Collections represent Palaeolithic-Neolithic settlements at Tell Ramad, Tell Yakud, Tell Aswad, Tell Bougras, Tell Latamne, Tell Abu Hureyra, Tell Ghoraife. Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-8 p.m., Wednesday through Monday.

Exhibition of books by Maxim Gorky, through Friday, March 30, Soviet Cultural Centre.

Expressionist paintings by Syrian artist Georges Janoura, through Friday, March 31, Hotel Meridien.

CONCERTS

Thursday, March 30: Classical Music Night featuring four Russian musicians now teaching in Damascus, performing Beethoven compositions, 6 p.m., Music Salon, Soviet Cultural Centre.



"Refugees from the Golan" is the title of this representative work in an exhibition of 40 prints and paintings of Syrian landscapes and people by Fateh Moudarres on view this week at the French Cultural Centre of Damascus.

THEATRE

"A Bridegroom for the Sultan's Daughter," through April 2 at Al Hamra Theatre. Curtain time 8:30 p.m. A light-hearted drama by Egyptian playwright Mahfuz Abdulrahman, starring Tharah Desbi as the Golden Princess. Produced by the National Theatre Group. Hussein Edelbi, director.

MOVIES

Friday, March 31: "Widows", 6 p.m., Soviet Cultural Centre Theatre.

Coming & Going...

U.S. Mideast expert visits Amman

AMMAN, March 29 (JT). — Dr. Bernard Reich, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs and Chairman of the Department of Political Science at George Washington University, arrived in Amman today on a five-day visit. Dr. Reich, a noted Middle East expert, was guest of honour at a luncheon-discussion given by Mr. John Foster, Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. embassy and attended by media representatives and officials. Dr. Reich has just concluded an extensive round of contacts with Israeli political figures and intellectuals to acquaint himself at first hand with the shape of the latest Israeli thinking on a peace settlement. This is his first visit to Jordan in 12 years. Dr. Reich has served as a consultant to the Department of State (1973) and has been in Egypt (1965) on a Fulbright grant and in Israel (1971-72) as a National Science Foundation Fellow. He is a member of the Middle East Institute, a Fellow of the Middle East Studies Association, and a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Dr. Reich is the author of "Quest for Peace: U.S.-Israel Relations and the Arab-Israeli Conflict" (1977).

Top U.K. Overseas Development official due in Jordan

AMMAN, March 29 (JT). — Mr. John Tomlinson, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Overseas Development, will be visiting Jordan April 2-5 as part of a tour of the area. During his stay in Jordan, Mr. Tomlinson will have discussions on development matters with the president of the National Planning Council and other senior officials. Visits for Mr. Tomlinson have been arranged to the Jordan Valley and to Aqaba where he will be able to see how work is progressing on the Aqaba Water Project, which is being partly funded by the United Kingdom. In addition, visits are also scheduled to the phosphate mines at Al Hassa, various cooperative societies and the Polytechnic Institute in Marka.

Business Grapevine

A chance for construction experts to export

Jordanian companies and institutions which have expertise in construction in the Middle East in the fields of town, industrial and leisure planning; traditional, modular and instant housing alternatives; new construction techniques and materials, construction of roads and so on might consider submitting papers to the Arab Build '78 conference to be held in Bahrain from 26-30 November associated with the Arab Build Exhibition.

The British government has given Arab Build '78 its official support under the British joint venture scheme, which is specifically designed to financially assist British exhibitors overseas. The British participation is sponsored by the Building Materials Export Group and it is anticipated that with over 75 companies participating in the joint venture it will be the largest ever display of British products at a building and construction industry show in the Gulf region.

The Federal Republic of Germany have also announced official support for the exhibition and eighty German companies will be exhibiting as part of a group organised by the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

With the cost of outside stand and space at \$125 per square metre and inside stand space at \$300 per square metre including organisers stand service

It is small wonder many of the firms are getting together to share expenses. It is perhaps a formula that could be picked up by the Jordanian Ministry of Commerce and Industry or the Chambers of Commerce and Industry to group together a number of Jordanian export oriented construction and construction materials companies in one national exhibition group (perhaps using one company's prefabricated housing units as the actual stand) to promote Jordan in this important export market.

Anyone interested in presenting papers to the conference should send an abstract of 200 words as soon as possible to Mr. Barrie Scott, of the Conference organisers Middle East Materials and Equipment magazine, at 4 Addison Bridge Place, Kensington, London W14 9BR. Exhibition stand space is bookable from Arabian Exhibition Management, P.O. Box 551, Bahrain.

Off looking for imports

Off on a world tour this week to follow up his extensive business contacts is Othman Y. El Hindi, Director of Hindam Trading and Commission Agency in Amman. Mr. Hindi will be heading first to Bombay then on to the Far East, Japan and the United States before returning here in a month's time with, hopefully, a lot more business to handle.

By John Bonar

New route for Alia

The Director of Civil Aviation of Ras Al Khaimah, Mr. Amin Al Qadi, has announced this week that Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline and Syrian Arab Airlines will start using Ras Al Khaimah's international airport on May 1. However on April 1, Gulf Air will start three weekly regional flights a week to the most northern state of the seven member federation of the United Arab Emirates.

Arabsat contract won

The hotly contested management and services contract for Arabsat, worth between \$16 and \$21 million, has been awarded to Comsat General Corp., a subsidiary of Communications Satellite Corp. of Washington D.C. A total of 16 Arab states are jointly undertaking the \$160 million project which involves launching a satellite into space by 1980 to relay telephone, telex and television communications between the Arab states.

The vice chairman of the Riyadh-based Arabsat is Mohammad Ismail, the Director of Jordan's Telecommunications Corporation.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price
* Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	385	1.050	1.050
* Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	269	1.550	1.600
** Dar Aldawa Development & Investment Co.	JD 1,000	2,816	1.800	1.800
Industrial, Commercial & Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	545	2.300	2.300
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	1,312	13.500	14.100
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	517	0.900	0.950
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1,378	1.250	1.300
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	1,321	15.600	15.550
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	200	0.950	1.000
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	1,813	6.500	6.500

Total volume traded, Wednesday, March 29 JD 10,556

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early morning is your best time so your would be wise to try and accomplish as much as possible at this time. A new plan of action could bring much success in the days ahead.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Daytime is fine for meeting interesting personalities and studying new outlets. Don't ask for favors of anyone at this particular time.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be sure not to invest too heavily in anything today. Your mate may not be in a good mood, but the planets are not favorable. Be patient.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Show increased loyalty to associates early in the day and get fine response. Avoid who wants to make things difficult for you.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) If you handle routine tasks early in the day you'll have time for more important duties later. Take needed health treatments.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Handle important duties early since the aspects are more difficult later in the day. Take no chances with your reputation at this time.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take no risks of any kind, whether at home or at work. Use that smile more and avoid possible misunderstanding with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Morning is the best time for correspondence and calling on the phone. Be sure not to overstep for recreation in the evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Handle monetary affairs early since later your thinking may be muddled. Avoid one who is detrimental to your best interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Not a good day to attend group affairs, but if unavoidable, be careful and use caution. Express happiness with loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You may think you have so much to do you want to throw in the sponge, but apply yourself and the tasks are soon behind you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Seek the cooperation of associates and then get busy and accomplish much. Avoid the social as much as you can now.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be sure not to disturb anyone who has power over your monetary matters. Don't take any chances with the law and avoid trouble.

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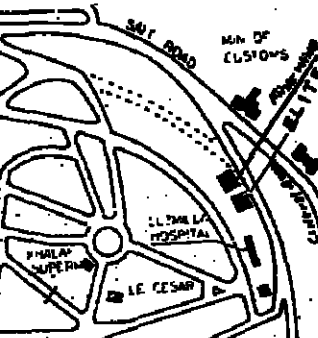
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Despite ultra-modern technology superstition is still deeply entrenched in Japanese life

By Stephen Bronte

continues.

A history of devils

TOKYO (FT) — They usually come out at night. Seated behind small tables in the ghostly light of a flickering candle, Japan's palmists, soothsayers, and fortune tellers still ply their mysterious trade. For despite the fact that Japan is marketing computers and orbiting satellites, superstition is still a well-entrenched part of Japanese life.

In a country where natural disasters like earthquakes, fires, and floods are common occurrences, superstitions are legion. Before Japan's modernization in the late 1800s, sickness and death were often explained by the presence of devils or evil spirits. Even today, omens both good and bad are carefully observed by much of the population. This is especially so in professions where luck can be a big factor as with geisha girls, sumo wrestlers, gamblers, and en-

tertainers. Japan's rich literary history offers a wealth of demons and devils. The most popular is the oni, a red-skinned, two-horned devil whose wooden images abound in Buddhist temples around the country. A kappa, or water monster, lives in rivers or lakes, and is said to be responsible for drownings. Another is the tengu, an old man with a long beard who lives in trees and howls during the night. Once feared by the rural population, today these creatures only appear in children's fairy tales. Fortune tellers and palm readers on the other hand still enjoy a large following. Basing their interpretations on the I-Ching (the Book of Changes), which originated in China around 180 B.C., they prosper in evening entertain-

Why do new suits wind up in trashcans in Tokyo? Why is it a disaster for a woman to be born in the Year of the Fire Horse? Why, for that matter, is the whole fourth floor of a certain Tokyo hotel missing? For the vital clue, read on...

women are the biggest customers, and questions related to love and marriage are the most commonly asked. Parents will often bring a newborn infant to a fortune teller to pick a lucky year for the child, and sometimes distraught people on the verge of suicide will turn to them for consultation. There are currently more than 2,000 fortune tellers practicing in Tokyo alone.

Astrology

Japanese astrology, which is based on the Chinese system of naming each year after an animal, is still a powerful

force in Japan. Men born in the Year of the Tiger (1974) should be active and aggressive, while those born in the Year of the Rabbit (1975) are meek and passive. The most frightful year for a woman to be born is the Year of the Fire Horse (1966), which occurs only once every 60 years. Women born in that year will be stubborn, hot-tempered, and are likely to kill their husbands.

The extent to which these old beliefs are present today can be seen in population statistics. The most recent fire horse year was 1966. In that year the birth rate fell 26 per cent from 18.6 to 13.7 births

per 1,000 inhabitants. Then in 1967 the birth rate recovered to 19.3 per 1,000.

A subsequent Health and Welfare Ministry investigation showed that many mothers had changed the birthdates of their female newborns to the year preceding or following 1966. Many others had resorted to abortions or contraceptive methods to avoid having children in the Year of the Fire Horse.

Driving evil spirits away

Another old superstition, which sparked a 12 year legal battle is the jinchinai. During a jinchinai ceremony, a Shinto priest will bless a building site, scaring away any evil spirits that may haunt the planned structure. In 1965 the Tsu municipal government paid a Shinto priest £32 to do a jinchinai on a local gymnasium site. But some local citizens protested that using government funds for these purposes violated Section 20 of the Constitution which separates church and state. The issue was fought all the way to the main bench of the Supreme Court, which ruled in favour of the municipality, thus establishing a legal precedent in favour of the ancient rite.

The majority of present day Japanese superstitions usually involve some play on words. If a house passes someone by on the street, he must cover both thumbs, or else risk having both his parents die in the near future. The Japanese word for both thumb and parent is "oya," so covering one's thumbs is thought to protect one's parents. There are hundreds of other lucky and unlucky sayings like this that are well known by most Japanese people.

Numerology

Numerology is another superstition that is commonly practiced. The number four refers to death, as does 14, 42, and 44. Many hospitals and hotels are missing fourth floors or rooms numbered with four. Tokyo International Airport has no passenger loading areas numbered four or thirteen. The missing number four is to reassure the Japa-

nese passengers, while the absent number thirteen is in deference to superstitious foreign travellers from the West.

Auspicious days play an important part in the Japanese calendar. The tai-an are considered to be lucky days, while the butsu-metsu days (named for the day on which Buddha died) are thought to be very unlucky. There are 58 of each of these days in one year. The tai-an are good days for weddings, launching new businesses, starting a lone journey, or other momentous occasions. While many laugh off auspicious days as insignificant, others prefer not to take their chances. Reservations at wedding halls on tai-an days in the prime wedding seasons of the spring and autumn must be made at least six months in advance. On butsu-metsu days the same wedding halls either offer 50 per cent discounts on fees charged or close down completely.

Cheaper near cemeteries

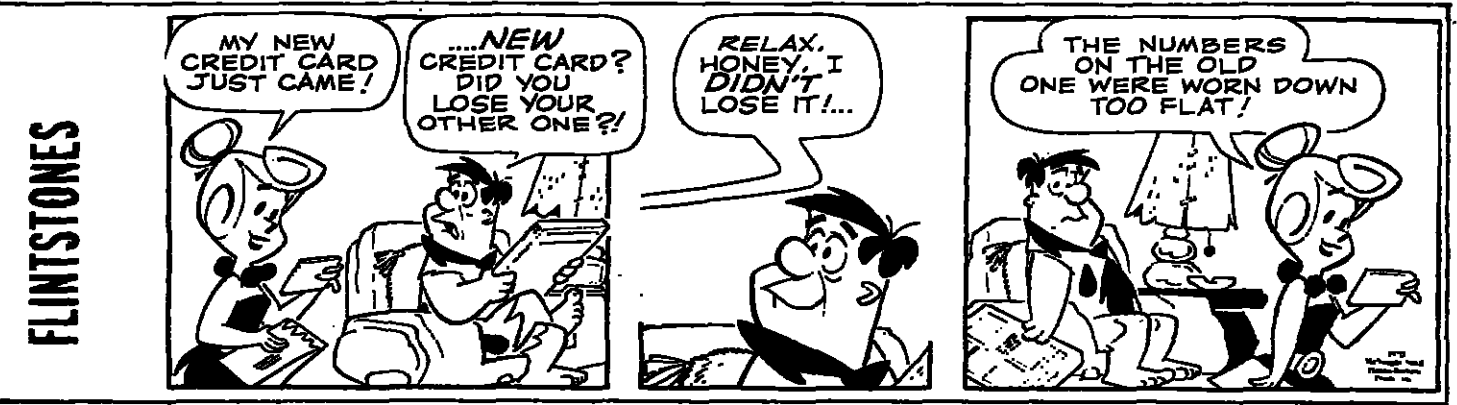
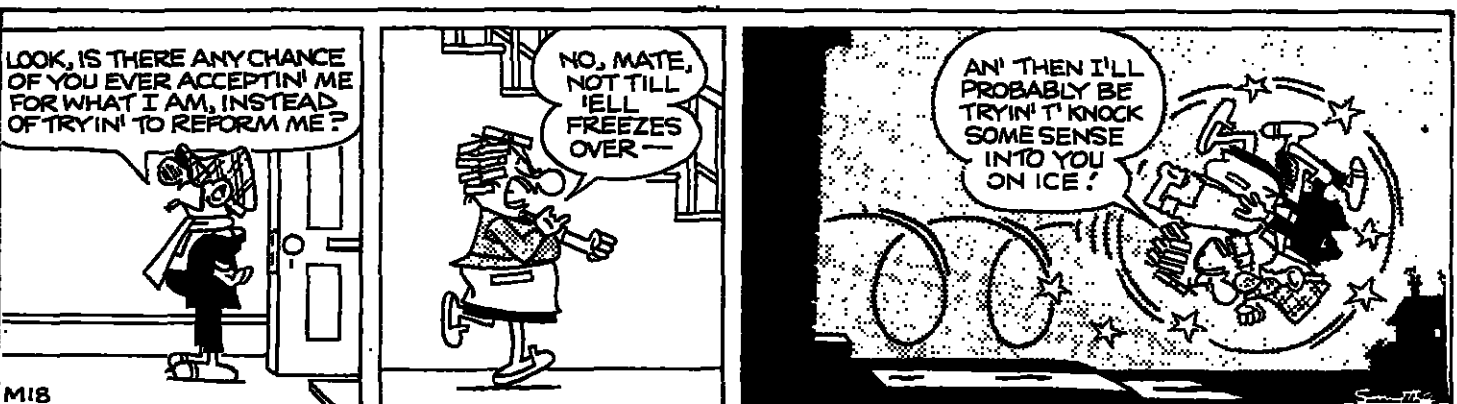
There are also many superstitions connected with death. Housing near cemeteries is avoided by Japanese, driving down rents in the area. Foreigners, who are unaffected by this belief, are happy to take advantage of the lower rents. Hence, foreign residents in Japan can often be found living near cemeteries.

There is virtually no second-hand market in Japan because of the possibility that the previous owner of the object may have died. With no chance of resale, perfectly good clothing, furniture, and consumer goods usually end up in the rubbish. The economic effects of this belief can be far-reaching. If consumers will only buy new products, it means that the demand level for these goods will be higher than if the superstition didn't exist.

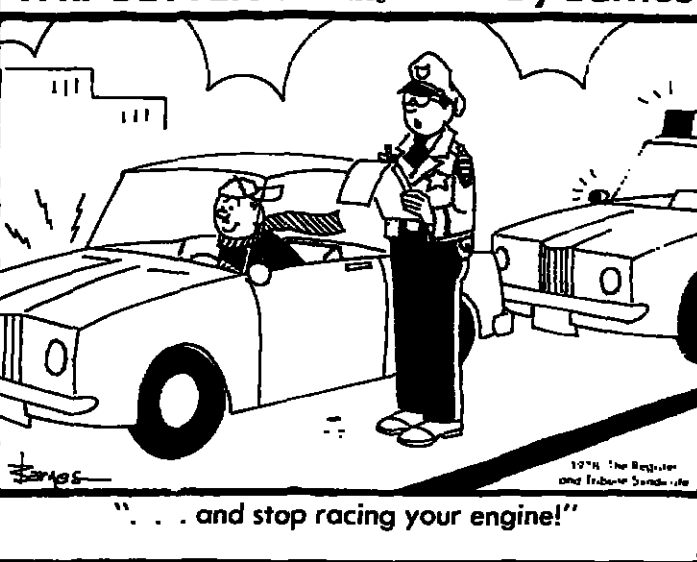
The list goes on and on. In the end, an amazing amount of Japanese behaviour has an explanation based on ancient superstitions. Many of these beliefs are still accepted by a majority of the population, and it looks as if they are here to stay.

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Opponents of Tokyo's Narita Airport stage bomb attack on hotel

NARITA, Japan, March 29 (R). — Radical opponents of Tokyo's controversial new international airport today staged a lightning raid on an airport hotel, setting it ablaze with Molotov cocktails after smashing in windows and doors with iron bars. Police said white-helmeted radicals in the pre-dawn attack hurled 20 flaming petrol bombs into the lobby of the Nikko Narita Hotel, scheduled to open on April 1.

Twenty people were staying at the hotel, built to accommodate passengers using the new airport, and the fire was put out by hotel employees.

Police said the demonstrators, who are maintaining their violent campaign against the

airport although the government yesterday indefinitely postponed its opening, escaped in a lorry.

The airport, 65 kms. north-east of Tokyo, was built to take the bulk of international air traffic from the older Haneda

Airport. Its foes include farmers who were forced to sell their land for the field, environmentalists and radicals who claim the airport might be used for military purposes.

Thousands of anti-airport demonstrators clashed with police on Sunday, throwing firebombs and rocks. About 50 held up in a four-story concrete blockhouse at the end of the runway were driven out Monday night by police and the 20-metre steel tower was pulled down.

On Sunday, two groups broke through police lines. A few climbed up into the control tower, destroying delicate electronic equipment which has forced the indefinite postponement of the airport's opening. Another group, riding in trucks equipped with large cowcatchers, broke through a gate and attacked police with gasoline bombs.

Transport Minister Kenji Fukushima said yesterday it would take until mid-April to repair the damage done to the airport's control tower.

Photo of Moro could be montage, say experts

ROME, March 29 (AP). — The picture of former Italian Premier Aldo Moro sent by Red Brigades kidnappers to a Rome newspaper could be a photo montage, Italian papers today quoted investigators as saying.

Mr. Moro's photo was sent along with a handbill with the five-point Red Brigades Emblem three days after Mr. Moro was kidnapped in a Rome street ambush March 16.

In the handbill the Red Brigades said Mr. Moro will be subjected to a "peoples trial". Italy's leading newspaper Corriere Della Sera of Milan said experts considered "it probable the picture could be a photo montage."

The paper said that Mr. Moro's face could have been put over another picture.

With the snapshot the Red Brigades aimed to make known that Mr. Moro was alive.

Corriere Della Sera said the photo montage version came after a careful study of the picture made by police experts.

Another Milan paper, Il Giornale Nuovo, said that in the snapshot Mr. Moro was shown with a white shirt while when he was kidnapped he wore a striped white shirt. The paper said this was confirmed by Moro's family.

Meanwhile a group of common criminals has threatened to kill members of the Red Brigades guerrilla camp in jail unless kidnapped politician Aldo Moro is released.

In a statement issued to the

Rome morning newspaper Il Messaggero last night, a committee of common criminals set a deadline of Thursday afternoon for Mr. Moro's freedom.

"If the brigades do not meet our deadline, we will tell our companions in jail to do away with a member of the brigades. The executions will be carried out despite police escorts and the solitary cells of the guerrillas," it said.

USSR condemns U.S.'s neutron bomb project

LISBON, March 29 (AP). — The Soviet Union yesterday condemned the United States' neutron bomb project as delegates from parliaments in more than 70 countries assembled for a conference in the Portuguese capital.

Vitaly Ruben, leading the Soviet delegation at the spring meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was criticised by American representatives for introducing "a note of propaganda" into the discussion of nuclear disarmament.

American Sen. John J. Sparkman attacked the Soviet Union for proposing to abolish one weapon while the United States was aiming to "finish with all nuclear arms."

American President Jimmy Carter is considering development of the neutron weapon, which is designed to kill by releasing intense radiation. Some of the United States' European allies are hesitant to allow deployment of the weapon in Europe.

Opening the meeting, Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes called for disarmament as "a necessary condition for the establishment of a new social economic order."

Delegates from Egypt, Poland and Mexico joined the call for nuclear disarmament, which headed a list of topics to be discussed during five days of talks. Others include economies of developing nations, illiteracy and colonialism.

Saudis hire P.R. firm to promote U.S. plane sale

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP). — Saudi Arabia, concerned about Israel's opposition to U.S. President Jimmy Carter's package sale of warplanes to the Middle East, is hiring a public relations firm to state its case to Congress and the American people.

To handle the lobbying effort, the Saudis are paying \$65,000 to a public relations firm headed by Crawford Cook and Job C. West, a source familiar with the arrangements said last night.

Mr. Carter has proposed selling the Saudis 60 F-15 warplanes in a package which would also send 50 F-4E fighter jets to Egypt and 15 F-15s and 75 F-16s to Israel.

Israel has condemned the proposed sale of sophisticated warplanes to the two as a threat to its security and Israel's supporters in Congress have mounted an effort to veto the sale.

"They (the Saudis) thought they had sort of an arrangement with the U.S. government (to buy the jets)," said the source, who declined to be identified. "But then the Israeli lobby got involved."

"They (the Saudis) just decided that the Israeli lobby had declared a psychological war against them."

The source said hiring the public relations firm marked a step-up in Saudi Arabia's attempts to influence Congress and public opinion. However, he said the Saudi efforts were still dwarfed by Israel's political lobbying in the United States.

The source said the Saudi campaign would focus on that country's support of policies favourable to the United States, specifically keeping the lid on oil prices and supporting the U.S. dollar.

U.S., Turkey begin talks on defence pact which would lift arms embargo

ANKARA, March 29 (R). — Three senior U.S. officials today began talks with Turkish government leaders on a bilateral defence pact which would effectively lift a four-year-old U.S. arms ban on Turkey.

The team, led by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, arrived last night and opened talks today with Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit and other leaders.

The State Department announced in Washington yesterday that President Carter had taken a decision on the pact, still awaiting congressional approval, which had to be explained to the Turkish government. It did not elaborate.

Congress imposed an arms embargo on Turkey following the 1974 Turkish invasion of Cyprus and ratification of the defence agreement would effectively lift that ban.

The agreement is due to come before the House of Representatives International Relations Committee on April 6.

The question of the agreement was thrown into sharp focus this month when Turkey protested at remarks by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance which were interpreted here as linking the pact's future with progress on solving the Cyprus question.

The Carter administration said subsequently that it did not link the two issues.

Mr. Christopher, who is accompanied by State Department Counsellor Matthew Nimetz and Assistant Secretary of State George Vast, thanked the Turkish government for arranging the talks at short notice, and said "I hope there will be an opportunity for us to explore the many important relations which exist between our two countries."

Former CIA employee says Oswald was involved in agency project in Japan

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP). — The House of Representatives Assassinations Committee is reported checking a former U.S. Central Intelligence Agency employee's hearsay testimony that Lee Harvey Oswald, President John F. Kennedy's accused murderer, was involved in a CIA project in Japan.

The one-time CIA worker, James B. Wilcott, said in a telephone interview Tuesday that although the information was hearsay, he is convinced it is true. Mr. Wilcott also said he personally concluded that

Tribal feud in Namibia feared

WINDHOEK, South West Africa (Namibia), March 29 (R). — Police, mounting a major manhunt for the killers of moderate black leader chief Clemens Kapuuo, fear his death could lead to renewed tribal feuding which has already left 14 dead.

Chief Kapuuo, 55, President of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) Party and leader of the Herero tribe, was shot on Monday outside a store he owned in Windhoek's Katutura township.

Reports reaching here said members of the Herero tribe were heading towards Windhoek from various parts of the territory.

"It is going to be difficult to keep them under control," a senior aide of Chief Kapuuo said.

Police have blamed the SWAPO nationalist movement for the killing but in Lusaka a spokesman for SWAPO — the South West Africa People's Organisation — denied that the group was responsible.

SWAPO draws much of its support from the Ovambo people, and police, conducting a major manhunt for the killers, feared the chiefs death could lead to renewed violence between the Hereros and Ovambos.

Fourteen people were killed in fighting between the two tribes earlier this month.

But last night, police reported the township quiet. They said roadblocks set up outside Windhoek had been dismantled.

On Feb. 7, the Health Minister of Ovambo province, Mr. Toiva Shiyagaya was shot at a DTA meeting. Police blamed that killing, too, on SWAPO, but the nationalist movement denied responsibility.

"Living in sin" has become the American way of life

By William Scoble

LOS ANGELES (FT) — To celebrate its tenth anniversary this year, Irel Corporation, a California computer-leasing firm, did its top sales-people proud: it laid out \$20,000 to send them on a Caribbean cruise. And to make quite sure that everyone was happy, the Irel board decreed that not only could the married take along their spouses — single employees could bring a good friend, of either sex. It was one company's answer to a very hot-and-handle problem which the U.S. business world is just beginning to face up to — marriage is not what it was, and nobody knows where it's going. In recent years what was once called "living in sin" has become part of the American way of life, and many unmarried couples are seeking some of the benefits companies offer to husbands and wives.

What was once called "living in sin" has become part of the American way of life. Many unmarried couples are now getting the benefits which companies used to offer only to husbands and wives. What is more, the couples don't even have to be of opposite sexes any more.

1,300,000 unwed couples

The Census Bureau says that more than 1.3 million single Americans are living with a member of the opposite sex today; and the number of unmarried couples living together is rising six times faster in this decade than in the last one. Then there are about 750,000 "same-sex unrelated persons" sharing a life — many of them homosexuals; that figure has doubled since 1970.

"We have to assume that living together in a life-style that's here to stay," says Mr. Mike Malecki, Personnel Manager in Los Angeles for Uni-

ted Airlines. "Corporations are conservative entities, but they're going to have to adjust to this whether they like it or not. It has a direct relation to productivity."

United Airlines is in fact in the vanguard of change, having decreed that paternity leaves may be granted to unmarried as well as married men, and adoption leaves to single and married parents. Most U.S. companies, however, rely on Internal Revenue and state law guidelines that declare only legal spouses and dependants to be eligible for traditional business benefits — medical, dental; relocation expenses; and so on.

Courts also accept

But the status of the living-in-sin couple is also changing, thanks largely to last year's landmark decision from the California Supreme Court in the case of actor Lee Marvin and his housemate, Michelle Triola. When their six-year old relationship ended, Miss Triola sued for \$1 million, arguing that she had given up a singing career to look after Mr. Marvin in return for his promise to protect her financially.

The high court came down on Miss Triola's side, and America's unmarrieds began to see their relationship in a new light. Thousands have hired lawyers to draw up "living-together contracts," with the emphasis on property arrangements. A new book, Sex, "Living Together Contract Kit" has sold 10,000 copies, and its

author, Mr. Ralph Warner of Berkeley, also peddles a \$9 "Living Together Contract Kit" which sets out, in somewhat flowery language, who will own what. ("We will share our love and energy, but we reject the idea that one of us should depend on the other for support.")

Women win most

In affluent Southern California, the stakes are often high and if matters reach the courts it is usually the man who stands to lose most. One couple who broke up after ten years (and two children) together went to court last December in a property fight: the woman was awarded ownership of their \$100,000 home and its contents — their major joint possession. Another woman, aged 48, sued the 64-year old man she lived with for nine years, claiming a slice of the \$1.5 million she says he earned in that time. California lawyers believe her chances of winning are good.

"That sort of publicity alarms top management," says one personnel chief. "The living-together syndrome can be a barrier to advancement. Yet most major companies, IBM, Xerox, MCA, the airlines, now take the view, publicly at least, that an employee's public life is not a corporate concern. That's a change in itself."

In one area, at least, the unmarried couple is already being treated on almost the same basis as the married. Banks in California will make loans of various kinds to unwed housemates, and a leading savings and loan association says it makes home loans to people living together. "We've made loans to two women sharing, and to two men. Were they gay? We consider that no concern of ours."

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 7 5 3
♥ Q 5 2
♦ 7 5
♣ J 10 9 8

WEST EAST
♠ Q 10 8 ♠ J 9 2
♥ 10 8 4 ♥ J 9 7 3
♦ Q J 10 4 3 ♦ K 8 2
♣ Q 2 ♣ 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K 6 4
♥ A K 6
♦ A 9 6
♣ A K 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 NT Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: Queen of ♣.

Bridge is a simple game. Quite often it requires no more than counting to nine or ten. Yet it is surprising how many find this task impossible.

With all his points in aces and kings, we approve of South's decision to open two no trump. The point count tends to underrate the value of aces and kings and inflate queens and jacks, and in our opinion, South's hand is better than many 22- or 23-pointers we've seen. North checked for a 4-4 major fit, then settled in three no trump when South denied holding a four-card major.

West led the queen of diamonds, and declarer surveyed his prospects. He had

eight tricks in high cards, and there was virtually only one suit in which he could develop his ninth, and that was clubs. Declarer made the technically correct play of holding up the ace of diamonds, and held up again when West continued the suit. Declarer won the third diamond and decided to settle the issue without further ado.

He entered dummy with the queen of hearts and ran the jack of clubs. West won the queen and took two more diamond tricks for a one-trick set.

Declarer was guilty of a major crime—inability to count to nine. His line of play was correct if he had to take four club tricks, but with six tricks in the other three suits declarer needed only three club tricks for his contract, provided he could keep West off lead while the third club was being developed.

Instead of taking the club finesse, declarer should have banged down the ace and king of clubs. As the cards lie, the queen of clubs would have dropped and declarer would have come to ten tricks. But had the queen not fallen, the contract would still be safe if East held the lady—declarer could safely afford to lose a club trick to East. Playing off two high clubs simply gave declarer an extra chance. He would make his contract if East held the queen of clubs or if West held the queen guarded no more than once.

World News Briefs

d'Estaing meets rivals to heal rift

PARIS, March 29 (AP). — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing told defeated Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterrand yesterday he hoped the leftist opposition could reach a "reasonable cohabitation" with a new French government. In an unusual post-election meeting, the French president urged Mr. Mitterrand to help prevent the divisive election campaign from turning into a lasting left-right split that could damage the nation, a presidential spokesman said. The center-right majority that has ruled France for the past 20 years won a sizeable 89-seat majority in National Assembly elections March 12 and 19. Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, who invited leftist leaders to discuss the nation's priorities before formation of a new government, is to meet with Communist Party chief George Marchais on Thursday.

Carter's public opinion rating drops

NEW YORK, March 29 (R). — Nearly two out of three Americans surveyed in a poll issued last night feel President Carter is not doing a good job — diametrically opposed to the view a year ago. The poll, by the American Broadcasting Company and the Louis Harris Public Opinion Survey Organization, said only 36 per cent of the people questioned approved of Mr. Carter's performance while 62 per cent did not. In March, 1977, two months after taking office, he had a 67-21 positive rating.

Demonstrations continue in Iran

TEHRAN, Iran, March 29 (AP). — Anti-government demonstrations continued today when three motorcyclists threw gasoline bombs at the entrance of a cinema in the city of Kashan, the official Pars News Agency reported. Firemen stopped fire from spreading. Demonstrators attacked municipal offices in the city of Isfahan yesterday, and incidents were reported in other cities.

Publisher vows no leaks of Nixon memoirs

LOS ANGELES, March 29 (AP). — Security precautions surrounding former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon's memoirs are extreme — "A bit less than for the atomic bomb," the ex-president's publisher said yesterday. Harold Roth, President of Grosset and Dunlap which will publish the 500,000-word Nixon book May 15, said Gossett is determined to prevent early leaks of the contents, which have been sold to the New York Times for serialisation. "The printer has had experience dealing with confidential material — not only with books but with corporate reports," said Mr. Roth. "It's not an armed camp but I'm assured reasonable precautions are being taken." Mr. Roth said the book, which took a year to edit, will sell for \$19.95. He said about one-third of the book is devoted to the Watergate scandal which drove Nixon from office, but the author has no delusions that it will change his public image.

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CABIS
[] [] [] [] [] []

TYTIK
[] [] [] [] [] []

SPOCER
[] [] [] [] [] []

CLOUNK
[] [] [] [] [] []

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: [] [] [] [] [] [] (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GAILY AMITY INCOME DIVIDE
Answer: What the man who always wore a tuxedo for working out was — A GYM DANDY

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Seek to win
- New trend
- Catch
- Tropical tree
- Pronoun
- Predilection
- French article
- New Zealand tribe
- Retired
- Join
- Mayday
- Rabbit bird
- Pasty
- Thunder
- Unyielding
- All right: informal
- Paddle
- Nettle
- Regard
- Livelihood
- All About
- Greenland Eskimo
- The Witch of
- Ammonia or krypton
- Armist
- Rabbit
- Routine
- Brim
- Khayyam
- Woody vine
- Covering
- Salutation
- Foundation
- Lamprey
- Grain
- Handle
- Printing press maker
- Augment
- Man's nickname
- Kitty
- Fruiting spike
- Pepper plant
- English river
- Ex-G.I.
- Busybody
- Certain railroad car
- Goddess of the hearth
- Site of the Taj Mahal
- Barb
- Hodgepodge
- Movable staircase
- Which one
- Force down
- Historical period
- Razorbill

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